**Notification letter to Hospital about an HBsAg-positive Pregnant Woman.**

**Place on Local Health Department Letterhead.**

Date

(Hospital Contact)

(Hospital Name)

Address

Re: Mother Name DOB:

(Dear Hospital Contact),

The Kentucky Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program ensures all infants born to a hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-positive woman receive proper post exposure treatment to prevent the transmission of hepatitis B virus from mother to infant. One goal of our program is to work closely with the birthing hospital to ensure that the HBsAg-positive status of the pregnant woman is known. To prevent perinatal transmission of hepatitis B virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that an infant born to an HBsAg-positive woman be given hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) and the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth. HBIG (0.5 mL) should be administered intramuscularly in a separate anatomical site from the hepatitis B vaccine, ideally in a separate limb.

According to our records, Ms. (insert mother’s name) is an HBsAg-positive pregnant woman, who plans delivery at your facility. Her estimated delivery date is (insert date). After administration of HBIG and hepatitis B vaccine to the newborn infant, send the completed legible white copy of the EPID 399 form (Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Form for Infants) to (LHD designee’s name), at (LHD address) within one business day of delivery. Please place this letter in both the mother’ prenatal record and infant’s chart.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important public health matter. If you have any question please contact me at XXX-XXX-XXXX or the Kentucky Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Coordinator at 502-564-4478.

Thank you,

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